



Children's Corner

Celebrate Earth Day

***We cannot protect something we do not love.
We cannot love what we do not know,
and we cannot know what we do not see. Or hear. Or sense.***

Richard Louv

Earth Day is on April 22. Every day should be Earth Day, but once a year, we give our planet and the care it needs some special thought and celebrate our love for it.

Young children don't need to know about the problems. They need to grow to love the earth. Then they will naturally want to protect it.

Here are some special activities to celebrate this year –

- 🌸 **PLAY OUTSIDE** – You have to experience the earth to love it.
- 🌸 Take a nature walk. Go to a park (not a playground) and explore.
- 🌸 Plant a seed or a plant or a tree.
- 🌸 If it is warm enough, start a vegetable garden
- 🌸 Make a bird feeder or a bird house.
- 🌸 Decorate a reusable cloth tote bag.
- 🌸 Use recycling materials for art projects.
- 🌸 Make recycling bins.
- 🌸 Read a book about the earth. See below for a list of great books.
- 🌸 Have an Earth Day party. Cook a special meal using healthy, organic, vegan foods. Use cloth napkins and tablecloths, canning jars filled with early wildflowers, and china plates and real cutlery. No waste!

And

- 🌸 **Make every day Earth Day.**

Earth Day Books

- 🌸 *Celebrating Earth Day* by Elaine Landau (Enslow Elementary, 2012)
- 🌸 *Earth Day Every day* by Lisa Bullard and Zin Zheng
- 🌸 *Our Earth: How kids are saving the planet* by Janet Wilson (Second Story Press, 2010)
- 🌸 *Heroes of the Environment* by Harriet Rohmer (Chronicle Books, 2009)

- 🌸 *I Can Save the Earth!: One Little Monster Learns to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle* by Alison Inches, Viviana Garofoli illustrator (Little Simon, 2008)
- 🌸 *Earth Day* by Molly Aloian (Crabtree Publishing, 2009)
- 🌸 *The EARTH Book* by Todd Parr (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010)
- 🌸 *It's Earth Day!* (Little Critter) by Mercer Mayer (HarperFestival, 2008)
- 🌸 *Mother Earth* by Nancy Luenn, Neil Waldman illustrator (Aladdin, 1995)
- 🌸 *The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle: A Story About Recycling* (Little Green) by Alison Inches, Pete Whitehead illustrator (Little Simon, 2009)
- 🌸 *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel) (Random House Books for Young Readers, 1971)
- 🌸 *I Am Earth: An Earth Day Book for Kids* by James McDonald and Rebecca McDonald
- 🌸 Biscuit's Earth Day Celebration by Alyssa Satin Capucilli and Pat Schories

Resources –

- <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/parent-child/6-ways-to-celebrate-earth-day>
- <http://www.natu>
- <https://kidsforsavingearth.org/>
- <https://earthday.ca/ecokids/>
- <https://www.parents.com/toddlers-preschoolers/activities/outdoor/earth-day-activities-preschoolers/>